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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: R. E. Hineman  
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1. The Agency may desire a new printing plant; however, the FBIS Modernization Program is not the justification. By signed Interface Control Document (ICD), attached, the data format will continue to be the same as now exists. While there has been some speculation that quantity of material to be printed will increase, more informed speculation envisions a decrease in the short term, continuing into the future. ☐

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4. Speculation that FBIS printing quantity may increase dramatically seems to be based on experience with CRAFT which resulted in increased DO field reporting. The FBIS products are all translated from a foreign language. There are no plans to increase the number of foreign nationals in the field bureaus or the JPRS budget for translations. Any productivity increases resulting from Modernization will be offset, in a published page count sense, by a new composition format. In the new composition system, ☐ there will be a 30% reduction in page count for the same amount of text. Discussion with customers reflects a growing interest in near term availability of FBIS products in electronic or soft copy format. This is a feature of the system now under development. While hard copy will be needed indefinitely, and it is appreciated that most of the P&PD effort is involved in producing the first copy, there is little reason to expect a dramatic increase in FBIS publishing. ☐

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*/s/*  
R. E. Hineman

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